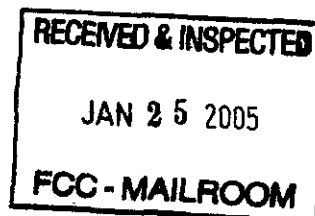


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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Petition for Rulemaking of LoJack Corporation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Bourne Police Department strongly supports the above referenced Petition for Rulemaking filed by the LoJack Corporation requesting that the Commission expand the permitted uses and modify the technical requirements for operations on 173.075 MHz.

The Bourne Police Department, also, supports LoJack's request, in the comments it filed in ET Docket Number 04-243, that the Commission provide for a fourteen-year transition period, commencing with the effective date of the final rules in the proceeding, to convert to narrowband operations on 173.075 MHz.

As described in the petition, LoJack seeks rules changes to allow it to provide public safety entities with additional services that will help these entities function better. LoJack, also, seeks changes to the technical rules that, in addition to facilitating these additional services, will enable LoJack to improve the performance of its stolen vehicle recovery network and to compensate for the effects of converting to narrowband operations. We believe LoJack's network enhancement will benefit us greatly.

We, respectfully, ask the Commission to initiate the Rulemaking LoJack has proposed in its petition. We, also, urge the Commission to provide LoJack with a fourteen-year period to complete its transition to the new narrowband operations.

Very truly yours,

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